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SUBJECT: PAROLE OF FAMILY OF HIGH RISK GVN OFFICIAL

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING TO MR. JOHN MCCARTHY,
DIRECTOR, MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES OF US CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, FROM WALTER BURKE:

2. QTE: FATHER MCVEIGH HAS SUGGESTED I CONTACT YOU RE FOLLOWING:
MR. LE THAI VUONG, SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, HAS
REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY. VUONG
PERSONALLY ENTITLED TO EVACUATION AS VERY HIGH RESK PERSON BUT
REFUSES LEAVE VIETNAM, BELIEVING, CORRECTLY THAT MINISTRY WILL
CEASE TO FUNCTION IF HE DEPARTS. HIS POSITION ROUGHLY COMPARABLE
TO COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION IN US. HE FULLY AWARE OF RISKS
HE RUNS BY REMAINING BUT ADAMANT ABOUT STAYING. WITHOUT HIS
WHOLE-HEARTED COOPERATION IN PAST FEW WEEKS ONLY A TINY FRACTION
OF THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT VIETNAM LEGALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO
SO. VUONG IS A POOR MAN AND HAS NO ASSETS ABROAD. HIS FAMILY
OF WIFE, FATHER, AND EIGHT CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE AMERICAN ASSISTANCE.
VUONG IS A CATHOLIC, HENCE THIS REQUEST FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN
HELPING HIS FAMILY WHOM WE ARE PAROLLING INTO UNITED STATES. DEGREE
OF YOUR AID SHOULD BE MINIMAL. FIVE OF CHILDREN ARE OVER TWENTY-ONE
AND ONE IS EIGHTEEN. ALL SPEAK ENGLISH. THEY SHOULD BE SELF-
SUPPORTING WITH SOME HELP IN SHORT TIME. SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL
BE ABLE OFFER THEM NEEDED ASSISTANCE GET SETTLED. IF WILLING,
PLEASE ADVISE THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS TO ME PERSONALLY
WHOM FAMILY SHOULD CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL US. DEEPEST THANKS

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